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SUBJECT: ANGOLA SITREP: RURAL W M HEATING UP A BIT

CINCLANT AND CINCEUR FOR POLAD

1. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY COMMAND IN LUANDA CONFIRMS THAT THE FIGHTING HAS FLARED UP AGAIN IN NORTHERN ANGOLA AFTER A PAUSE OF LESS THAN 24 HOURS. THE SITES OF THE LATEST FIGHTING ARE QUITEXE (15 DEGREES 02'E - 7 DEGREES 50' S), CARMONA, PARI (15 DEGREES 40'E - 7 DEGREES 45'S), AND SANZA PONTO (16 DEGREES 0'E - 7 DEGREES 20' S). QUITEXE IS AT THE NORTHERN EDGE OF MPLA'S ETHNIC AREA AND THE OTHER THREE LOCALES ARE CLEARLY INSIDE FNLA'S REALM. THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY COMMAND DOESN'T KNOW, OR
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WON'T DIVULGE, THE INTENSITY AND EXTENT OF THE FIGHTING AND WHO

ATTACKED FIRST. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE IT'S LIKELY THAT THE GROUP WITH LOCAL POPULAR SUPPORT PROBABLY WENT AFTER THE "OUTSIDERS." THIS LATEST FIGHTING SEEMS TO BE AN EXTENSION OF THE MAY 28-30 MPLA OFFENSIVE THAT BEGAN TO DEFINE THE FRONT-LINES BETWEEN THE TWO ARMIES/TRIBES.

2. LOCAL REPORTS ARE OF 150-300 KILLED DURING THE MAY 28-30 FIGHTING, BUT NO AUTHORITATIVE CASUALTY FIGURES OR CIVILIAN-MILITARY BREAKDOWN ARE AVAILABLE.

3. TRAFFIC IS NOT YET FLOWING NORMALLY ON THE MAIN ROADS INTO LUANDA OVER WHICH COMES THE BULK OF THE CAPITAL'S PRODUCE AND MEAT. MOST STORES ARE ALREADY LOW ON CERTAIN STAPLES DUE TO THE PORT'S NEAR PARALYSIS AND IF THE ROADS ARE NOT KEPT OPEN WIDESPREAD HARDSHIP WILL RESULT.
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